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SUBJECT: MOROCCO RECOGNIZES PRG: HIGH LEVEL NORTH KOREAN VISIT

1. OFFICIAL PRESS AGENCY MAP ANNOUNCED AUGUST 9 THAT GOM HAS INFORMED MME BINH OF ITS RECOGNITION OF PRG. MAP SAID DECISION REFLECTS GOM POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH ALL COUNTRIES NO MATTER WHAT THEIR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES.

2. AUGUST 11 SEMI-OFFICIAL LE MATIN REPORTED THAT NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PREMIER PAK ARRIVED HERE PREVIOUS DAY AT HEAD OF "IMPORTANT GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION". IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT, PAK HAD WARM WORDS FOR KING HASSAN AND STRESSED DESIRE FOR CLOSE COOPERATION. PAK'S RECEPTION, IN ABSENCE DIPLOMATIC TIES, WAS LOW KEY.

3. COMMENT: NEITHER EVENT REPRESENTS STRIKING DEPARTURE. GOM RECOGNITION OF PRG HAD BEEN ONLY A MATTER OF TIME WHILE NORTH KOREAN VISITS ARE RELATIVELY REGULAR PHENOMENON HERE. STILL, TIMING OF GESTURE TO PRG AND OF PAK VISIT, ON EVE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND UN MEETINGS, SUGGESTS GOM TAKING VIETNAMESE AND KOREAN ISSUES SERIOUSLY. PAK VISIT PRESUMABLY DESIGNED TO COUNTERBALANCE HIGH-LEVEL ROK VISITS EARLIER

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